



# Chippokes Plantation State Park

## 695 Chippokes Road

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"As part of the Virginia State Parks system, Chippokes Plantation State Park offers full service camping and cabins, 5 miles of trails passing through coastal forest, James River access, and stewardship-based educational programming."

**Green Statement:** "Chippokes Plantation State Park is part of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of State Parks. We strive to manage and protect natural, cultural and historic resources through our everyday operations. As stewards of the Commonwealth of Virginia's resources, it is our responsibility to lessen our impact on the environment through green practices and by setting an example for others to follow."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

- ☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - Also recycle: newspaper, office paper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

- ☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:
  - Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups

- ☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

#### *Dining room (or during meetings/events)*

- Use cloth napkins
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles

#### *Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### *Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible



#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

#### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
  - Low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
  - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

#### *Activities outdoors*

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have minimized impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and cooling*

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

#### *Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

#### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

*Transportation-related energy use*

- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles

- ☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
    - Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
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For more information on Attraction, see Website or contact Name at email or phone.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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